Author's response to reviews

Title: Bipolar radiofrequency ablation is useful for treating atrial fibrillation combined with heart valve diseases

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Dear editor,

We are resubmitting the Manuscript ID 1829593983929550 entitled “Bipolar radiofrequency ablation is useful for treating atrial fibrillation combined with heart valve diseases” to “BMC surgery”. Our responses to the comments by the reviewers are outlined below. Please also see the revised manuscript for details. For easily reading, we use the TRACK function of MICROSOFT WORD. Please simply select “Accept changes” to get rid of the TRACK markers if you do not like the tracks.

Editor's comment:

1. The quality of English has improved since the first draft but the authors and editor should give consideration to using a more formal language service as the grammar is still confusing in places.

Response: As suggested, we have used a more formal language service to correct the confusions in the grammar and to improve the English writing of the revised manuscript. Please check the revised manuscript for details.

Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style.
It is important that your files are correctly formatted.

Response: As suggested, we have correctly formatted our revised manuscript according to the journal style.

Referee 1:

Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Myura Nagendran

Reviewer's report:

My comments and suggestions from the first review have been responded to adequately.

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Response: As suggested, we have used a more formal language service to correct the confusions in the grammar and to improve the English writing of the revised manuscript. Please check the revised manuscript for details.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests.

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published.

Response: As suggested, we have used a more formal language service to correct the confusions in the grammar and to improve the English writing of the
revised manuscript. Please check the revised manuscript for details.

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I was part of the EACTS (European Association of Cardiothoracic Surgery) writing group for the EACTS guidelines on surgical treatment of atrial fibrillation that were published last month.

I declare that I have no other competing interests.